

**REMARKS**

The Official Action dated March 26, 2007, has been received and its contents carefully noted. For the reasons discussed in detail hereinbelow, it is respectfully requested that the finality of the Office Action be reconsidered and withdrawn by the Examiner in view of the following comments, that the foregoing amendments be entered and fully considered by the Examiner, that the rejections of record be reconsidered and withdrawn by the Examiner and that claims 1, 2, and 4 be allowed and that the application be passed to issue. Claims 1, 2, and 4 are presently pending for consideration.

In the detailed Office Action, claims 1, 2, and 3 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as unpatentable over Cross II et al. (“Control Structure Diagrams for Ada 95”, 1996 – hereafter Cross II) in view of Hendrix et al. (“Visual Support for Incremental Abstraction and Refinement in Ada 95”, 1998 – hereafter Hendrix). Also, claim 4 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as unpatentable over Cross II in view of Hendrix et al. (“Providing Enhanced Visual Support for Software Development and Maintenance”, 1998 – hereafter Hendrix II). Further, while not clear, claim 4 appears to be additionally rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as unpatentable over Cross II in view of Beaudouin-Lafon (“Novel Interaction Techniques for Overlapping Windows”, 2001 – hereafter Beaudouin-Lafon). These rejections are respectfully traversed at least for the reasons provided below.

Initially, with respect to the rejection of claim 4, Applicant requests the Examiner clarify the rejection of claim 4, specifically describing which reference or references are cited against this claim. It is noted from the Examiner’s Response to Applicant’s Arguments that the Examiner is relying on the teachings of Beaudouin-Lafon to support the rejection; however, as noted above, claim 4 has merely been rejected based on cross II et al. in view of Hendrix II. Because Applicant is unsure which references used in the rejection and applied in rejecting claim 4, Applicant has not been afforded an opportunity to address the rejection with certainty. Therefore, Applicant requests that the finality of the Office Action be withdrawn and the rejection clarified so that Applicant can adequately address the rejection.

With respect to the current rejection of the claims, Applicant maintains the arguments as set forth in the Office Action Response of January 3, 2007, traversing the rejection of claims 1, 2, and 3 under Cross II and Hendrix and the rejection of claim 4 over Cross II, Hendrix II, and/or Beaudouin-Lafon. However, in order to advance the prosecution of the present application Applicant has amended claim 1. That is, claim 1 currently recites “displaying frame lines of a particular outline-display frame in the program inverted tree hierarchical structure with dotted

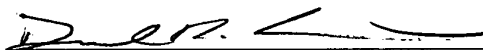
lines, thereby indicating that the outline-display frame is abnormal or incomplete.” This limitation is supported in the specification at least on page 7, line 20 to page 8, line 14. As shown in the specification, this feature improves viewing and editing by identifying any source code and its corresponding outline-display when the source code is incomplete or abnormal by using dotted lines to indicate the particular outline-display. Applicant submits that neither Cross II nor Hendrix teach or suggest identifying particular source code or its corresponding outline-display frame that may be incomplete or respond abnormally to the main source code by using dotted lines to indicate the particular outline-display.

Because Cross II and Hendrix, either alone or in combination, fail to teach or suggest each and every element of independent claim 1, Applicant respectfully submits that Cross II and Hendrix do not render claim 1, and its dependent claim 2, unpatentable.

Additionally, with respect to claim 4, Applicant submits that neither Hendrix II nor Beaudouin-Lafon teach or suggest identifying particular source code or its corresponding outline-display frame that may be incomplete or respond abnormally to the main source code by using dotted lines to indicate the particular outline-display. Because Cross II, Hendrix, Hendrix II, and Beaudouin-Lafon, either alone or in combination, do not teach or suggest each and every element of claim 4, Applicant respectfully submits that Cross II, Hendrix, Hendrix II, and Beaudouin-Lafon do not render claim 4 unpatentable.

In view of the foregoing discussion, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the pending rejections, and that the application be passed to issue. If a conference would expedite prosecution of the instant application, the Examiner is hereby invited to telephone the undersigned to arrange such a conference.

Respectfully submitted,



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